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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I switched from a national telecom provider for my internet within this past year because this provider had very slow and poor service in my neighborhood in Oakland, CA. I now have a local provider that is significantly better, and cheaper. I understand AT&T and its trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. I urge you NOT to do this and cave to unwinding needed regulatory safeguards; doing so would adversely affect me and thousands of Americans who rely on local carriers.

Thank you, Brian Jones

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